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- 93. (once amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a fusion protein comprising a HER-2/neu extracellular domain fused to a HER-2/neu phosphorylation domain, wherein the nucleic acid hybridizes under stringent conditions to the complement of a nucleic acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, wherein the hybridization reaction is incubated in a solution comprising 5x SSC at a temperature of 50-65°C and washed in a solution comprising 0.2x SSC and 0.1% SDS at a temperature of 65°C, and wherein the protein is capable of producing an immune response in a warm-blooded animal.
- 94. (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 linked to an amino acid sequence inclusive of Gln 991 to Val 1256 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 95. (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 linked to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
- 96. (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 linked to the amino acid sequence inclusive of Gln 991 to Val 1256 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 97. (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein fusion protein comprises sequences that are linked via an amino acid linker.
  - 98. (once amended) A viral vector comprising a nucleic acid of claim 93.
- 99. (once amended) A composition comprising the nucleic acid of claim 93, and a physiologically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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- (once amended) The composition of claim 99, wherein the composition 100. is a vaccine.
- (once amended) The composition of claim 99, further comprising an 101. immunostimulatory substance.
- (once amended) The composition of claim 99, wherein the nucleic acid 102. is a DNA molecule.
- (once amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a fusion protein 103. comprising a HER-2/neu extracellular domain fused to a fragment of the HER-2/neu phosphorylation domain, wherein the nucleic acid hybridizes under stringent conditions to the complement of a nucleic acid encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7, wherein the hybridization reaction is incubated in a solution comprising 5x SSC at a temperature of 50-65°C and washed in a solution comprising 0.2x SSC and 0.1% SDS at a temperature of 65°C, and wherein the protein is capable of producing an immune response in a warm-blooded animal.
  - (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein the nucleic acid 104. encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 linked to the amino acid sequence inclusive of Gln 991 to Arg 1049 of SEQ ID NO:2.
  - (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein the nucleic acid 105. encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 linked to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.
  - (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein the nucleic acid 106. encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 linked to the amino acid sequence inclusive of Gln 991 to Arg 1049 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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- (once amended) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein fusion protein 107. comprises sequences that are linked via an amino acid linker.
  - (once amended) A viral vector comprising a nucleic acid of claim 103. 108.
- (once amended) A composition comprising the nucleic acid of claim 109. 103, and a physiologically acceptable carrier or diluent.
- (once amended) The composition of claim 109, wherein the composition 110. is a vaccine.
- (once amended) The composition of claim 109, further comprising an 111. immunostimulatory substance.
- (once amended) The composition of claim 109, wherein the nucleic acid 112. is a DNA molecule.
- (once amended) A method of making a fusion protein, the method 113. comprising the steps of:
- introducing into a cell an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid (a) according to claims 93 or 103;
  - culturing the transfected cell; and **(b)**
  - purifying the expressed fusion protein. (c)
- (once amended) The method of claim 113, wherein the expressed fusion 116. protein is purified by a two-step procedure, the procedure comprising:
  - anion exchange chromatography; and (a)
  - hydrophobic chromatography. (b)

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117. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 linked to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

- 118. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 linked to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.
- 119. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
- 120. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7.
- 121 (new) The nucleic acid of claim 93, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a secreted fusion protein.
- 122. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 linked to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.
- 123. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein the nucleic acid encodes an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7.
- 124. (new) The nucleic acid of claim 103, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a secreted fusion protein.